

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE  
October 13, 1961

The University Senate met at 2 pm October 13, 1961 in the Faculty Conference Room, President Carroll presiding.

As a précis of the previous minutes had been circulated to the members of the Senate, motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the reading of the previous minutes be waived and that the minutes be approved as distributed.

President Carroll welcomed the new members of the Senate, Messrs Pierpont, Treadwell, Ledakis, and Brewer.

Mr. Tupper of the Executive Committee of the Senate announced that a special subcommittee had been formed to study the subject of retirement and to report the results to the Senate as soon as possible. The committee consists of Mr. Everett H. Johnson, Mr. Leroy S. Merrifield, Mr. James Coberly and Mr. Angus M. Griffin.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the roster of committee selections for the academic year 1961/62 be approved, as submitted.

After general discussion of the question of "Litter in Classrooms", it was decided that, for the present, this matter would be handled informally rather than by making any new rules governing the problem. The Provost will follow through on the subject.

After general discussion of the "Length of Registration Periods", it was the sense of the Senate that the matter should be clarified by issuing clearer catalog instructions regarding "Pre-Registration" days so that only new and transfer students would be taken care of at this time. It was further agreed that the academic counselling of students on Registration Days should be scheduled for completion by 7 pm so that the flow of students toward the last checkpoint would not be hampered. It was the consensus that registration on Thursday and Friday might begin at one pm. It was also suggested that the term "Pre-Registration" be changed to "Advisory Counselling" in the interest of clarity.

The question of "Reducing the Number of Commencements" was then discussed. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the Senate recommend to the Board that the October Convocation be eliminated and that the forthcoming calendar in the Spring catalog omit any reference to it.

The matter of "The Functions of and Title of the Position known as Executive Officer" was then discussed. Provost Colclough described the functions as bringing together the members of a department for consideration of its business and to communicate its recommendations to the Administration. It was the opinion of the Provost that the title should be "Chairman" rather than "Executive Officer" and that appointments to this position should continue on an annual basis. In these opinions, the Senate concurred. The President indicated his intention to clear this change with the Board at an early meeting.

The report of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom - Mr. Gray summarized the highlights of his full report of May 16th and submitted for discussion a proposed amendment of, and additions to, the Code and Ordinances Governing the Academic Personnel of the University. After general discussion of these changes, it was decided that further study should be given to the matter before and at the next meeting of the Senate.

The Report of the Committee on University Objectives - Mr. Bright outlined the progress made by his committee and, at the request of Mr. Tupper, Chairman of the Executive Committee, agreed to submit a substantive report in writing before Friday, November 3rd, 1961 for discussion at the next meeting of the Senate.

President Carroll announced that the Faculty will be formally notified soon that the Board has approved a program of major medical insurance, acting favorably upon the recommendation of the Senate in this regard. Mr. Davison asked the President to convey the thanks of the Senate to the Board of Trustees for this new insurance plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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